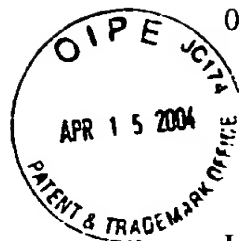


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 24, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following election and remarks.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated March 24, 2004, the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following six groups of claims as being directed to patentably distinct inventions:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Claims</u>
I.	Claims 1 to 11;
II.	Claims 12 to 22;